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**Have your small dog (under 20 lbs) spayed or neutered for just \$20 on Thursdays in March!**

This special is available on Thursdays at Texas Coalition for Animal Protection's (TCAP) Garland location with the purchase of a full set of vaccines for \$25 or a microchip for \$20 at the time of surgery. A \$20 down payment per pet is due for this special at time of scheduling.

Please visit [TCAP](http://TCAP) or call us at 940-566-5551 to schedule an appointment.



**REQUEST APPOINTMENT >**

## SHELTER HOURS AND LOCATIONS

**Animal Shelter & Adoption Center**

600 Tower St.

Garland, TX 75040

Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

972-205-3570

**Pet Adoption Center**

813 Main St.

Garland, TX 75040

Mon.-Wed. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thu. 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

# *Thank you for your Donation!*



We would like to take a moment to thank Aldi Grocery Stores for their kind donation of more than 1,000 lbs of dog food to our shelter. We sincerely appreciate your support and partnership. We'd also like to thank the citizens of Garland for their donations. THANK YOU!!!





# Volunteer Photographer Needed



Do you want to make an impact in the lives of thousands of animals? Do you have some free time during the week? Are you a skilled photographer? If you answered yes to these questions, we have a great opportunity for you!

The Garland Animal Shelter is working on increasing marketing efforts for our homeless pets and we are seeking experienced photographers to come to our shelter and take pictures of our adoptable pets. If this sounds interesting to you, please contact us at [animalservices@garlandtx.gov](mailto:animalservices@garlandtx.gov), we look forward to hearing from you!



# DID YOU KNOW



Microchip your Pets  
Ensure their safety!



Garland residents are no longer required to register their pets with the Garland Animal Services Department. The requirement for city registration has been replaced with mandatory microchipping for all newly adopted pets and all pets reclaimed by their owners.

Microchipping can be done at any veterinary clinic or at the Animal Shelter, 600 Tower St., during normal business hours. If you wish to have a microchip implanted in your animal as a form of permanent identification, Animal Services provides the service for a fee of \$25.



Animal Services Officer Mancilla responded to a call for a trapped opossum. When he arrived, he was surprised about the animal's color.

Here is some information he found about this rare and unique situation. Leucism is not albinism. In leucism, something goes wrong in the cells that produce pigment. If all the cells malfunction, then the animal will be white. If only part of the cells fail to produce pigment, you can get a spotted animal. Albinism involves the lack of melanin, and albino animals will have red eyes. In leucistic animals, the eyes will be the typical color. Officer Mancilla named the opossum "Angus".

# Congratulations



Animal Services Officer Brad Vanover was recognized at the Spirit of Garland Awards banquet last week. The purpose of the Spirit of Garland Awards banquet is to formally honor and celebrate employees who received recognition during the past year with either Grow Garland Quarterly or as a Cabinet Honoree for personifying the City's Guiding Principles and demonstrating value-added excellence in service. The awards ceremony also recognized a few select employees, chosen by an executive selection committee, who exemplify the Spirit of Garland by serving as a role model and inspiration to employees and customers and who contribute to the strength and vibrancy of the City. Brad is one of only five exemplary employees who received this award. Way to go Brad!





# American Pets Alive Conference

*By Hugo Espinoza*



Helping People Help Pets

The field of animal services is always evolving and bringing changes and new challenges. This year I was able to attend the American Pets Alive Conference in Austin. I had no idea what to expect attending this conference as a representative of you know, “one of those municipal shelters”. Our shelter has made vast improvements throughout the past years, so there really wasn’t any worries on my end. So, here we go day 1. Instantly awesome. There was so many representatives from all over the country. Shelters, humane societies, rescues, volunteers, and just regular citizens who like the rest of us have an adoration of animals. Everyone was welcoming and believe it or not, people actually loved the fact that there were some municipal shelters there.

While there wasn’t as many of us as the other groups, the appreciation of attendance was definitely shown. Now, which courses was I going to attend? The conference had 4 rooms dedicated to specific needs of each person attended. I participated in the courses that geared to our shelter. Meeting others and sharing ideas and techniques to achieve goals was amazing. To be honest, we shared so many ideas that we all knew our main goal was all in the same. The experiences and dilemmas we all face us almost identical. I did share some procedures that we follow that were just an awesome idea to others, but my goal was to go there not to boast about our improvements or the increase release rates through the years. I was there to learn. To observe any practices that we can try to implement.



This experience was honestly a great one. One that did lead to us making subtle but effective changes. One at time. Knowing what we have already accomplished and knowing where we can go from here, the future looks bright. Our amazing team has more than what it takes to achieve our goals. Every attendee was entered in a give a ways for a grant to be donated to the organization. So day one, while everyone who is winning hollers and jumps for joy, I sat there knowing in my gut, I never win anything. Second day, same result. It was fun cheering on the excited winners, we were all happy for them. Last day of the conference, last give away, of course it won’t be me. The sudden rush of hearing my number being called lead to the best wining cheer of the weekend (well in my opinion), “How ‘bout them Cowboys?!” We

did it. We won a grant for the shelter of \$1,000. Once the money is awarded, it will be used to purchase new kuranda beds for our pets. What a way to end a wonderful conference.

## St. Patrick's Day Frozen Dog Treats



Prep Time: 15 minutes

Total Time: 3 hours, 15 minutes

### Ingredients

- 2 cups Baby Spinach (cleaned)
- 1 cup Water
- 2 cups Pear (peeled and chopped into 1" pieces)
- 1 cup Celery (cleaned and chopped into 1" pieces)
- 1 tsp Fresh Ginger (peeled and finely chopped)
- Ice (optional)

### Instructions

1. Clean and chop all your fruit and vegetables.
2. Add your spinach and water to blender. Blend until leafy bits are gone.
3. Add all your fruit and vegetables to the blender. Blend for about 1 minute until smooth.
4. Pour mixture into a silicone mold or ice cube tray.
5. Freeze for 3 hours or overnight until firm.

*Submitted by Animal Services Officer Hernandez*

## February Statistics

386

ANIMALS PICKED UP LIVE

154

ANIMALS BROUGHT TO SHELTER

119

ANIMALS WERE ADOPTED BY RESCUE GROUPS

36

PETS WERE ADOPTED BY  
GARLAND PAWSIBILITIES

84

ANIMALS WERE ADOPTED BY GARLAND ANIMAL  
SERVICES SHELTER

99

PETS WERE RECLAIMED BY THEIR OWNERS

5

PETS WERE SPONSORED

1,624

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

103

PETS WERE STERILIZED BY CITY VETERINARIAN

1,402

VISITORS





## March

1, 8, 15 & 21

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

### Low-Cost Vaccinations (Walk In)

Garland Pet Adoption Center  
813 Main Street, Garland, TX 75040

For Additional Information and  
Sterilization Scheduling call  
940-566-5551 or email [TCAP](mailto:TCAP@garlandpaws.org).



## March

3

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### Animal Adoption Event

Garland Pawsibilities  
Oak Park School  
2402 Firewheel Parkway  
Garland, TX 75040



"PAWSITIVELY LOVED"

## March

15 & 29

5:15 - 6:45 p.m.

### Volunteer Training

Garland Pawsibilities  
Pet Adoption Center  
813 Main St.  
Garland, TX 75040

Volunteers are encouraged to sign up  
at [https://www.meetup.com/  
garlandpaws/events/238846288/](https://www.meetup.com/garlandpaws/events/238846288/)



## March

24

1 - 3 p.m.

### TNR Clinic

Garland Pawsibilities  
Pet Adoption Center  
813 Main St.  
Garland, TX 75040





## Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) Donation

I wish to support the Trap, Neuter, Return program by making a contribution to the animal shelter to help spay and neuter TNR cats.

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to the "Garland Animal Services - TNR"

Please mail this form and check to:

Garland Animal Services

TNR Program

P.O. Box 469002

Garland, TX 75046



**\*\*Please call Gracie Morales at 972-205-3548 if you would like to make your donation by credit card. \*\*\***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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## Garland Animal Shelter Adoption Sponsorship Program

I wish to support adoption of hard to place: (check one of the following) ☐ dogs ☐ cats ☐ dogs and cats

by making a contribution to the animal shelter to help prepay the \$105 or \$60 adoption fee.

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to the "City of Garland Animal Adoption Sponsorship."

Please mail this form and check to:

Garland Animal Services

P.O. Box 469002

Garland, TX 75046

**\*\*Please call Gracie Morales at 972-205-3548 if you would like to make your donation by credit card. \*\***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_



NOTE: Your contribution toward Garland's "Adoption Sponsorship" program will be used to prepay the adoption fee of an animal that would otherwise likely not be adopted. We put a "prepaid" sign on the animal's cage at the shelter, and those looking for a pet will be much more likely to adopt a prepaid animal. Your contribution is tax deductible, and we will mail you a receipt. For contributions of at least \$80, we will email you the photo of the dog(s) and/or cat(s) you sponsored when they are adopted if you would like to receive the photo. We will also include your name as a "sponsor" on the "prepaid" sign on the cage if you would so desire.

I would like to get an E-mail photo: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I would like to include my name on the "prepaid" sign: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Hugo Espinoza at (972) 205-3571.